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# "Where IPM is at.... and going to"

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## What are the major "drivers" of IPM?

- Awareness of the IPM innovation by consumers (Ag, Urban & Public Health)
- Relative advantages of the IPM innovation (reduction of health, environmental and economic costs...)
- Government initiative to implement
- Change Agent Resources and Activities

## IPM as a publicly known innovation - From Ag to Urban

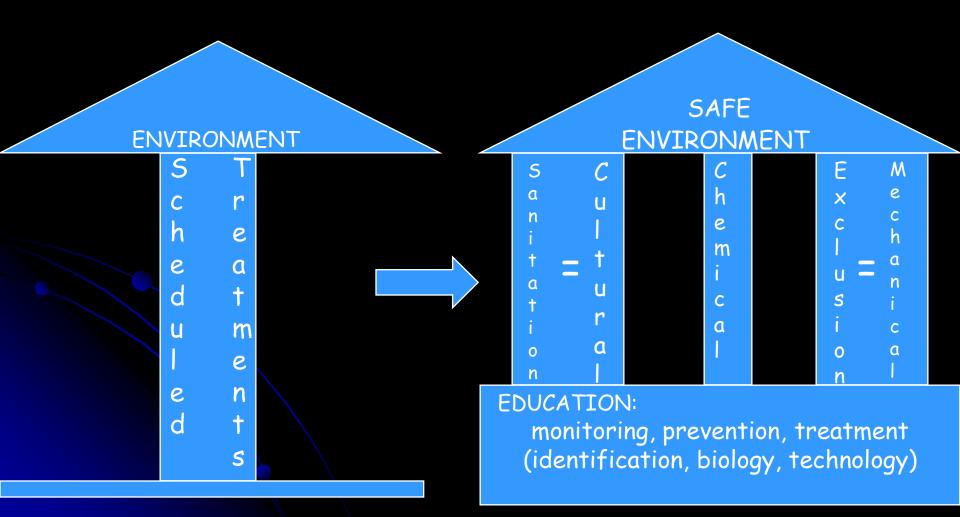
- Pediatricians are supporting IPM
- Environmental Health Specialists (health inspectors) are becoming change agents
- School IPM
  - State mandates for policies and plans
  - All Facility managers know the phrase
- Bed bug Epidemic is the new "window of opportunity": CBS evening news coverage invoking IPM as the solution

# The basics of IPM as the non-ag community see it:

- Don't attract Pests
- Keep them out
- Get rid of them, if you are sure you have them with the safest,

most effective method(s)

## A Shift to an IPM Program



# Bed Bug "Epidemic" Requires Active leadership to implement community action

- Awareness
- Surveillance
- Ethical response
- "protective"
- communication

Interestingly, a Public Health protocol

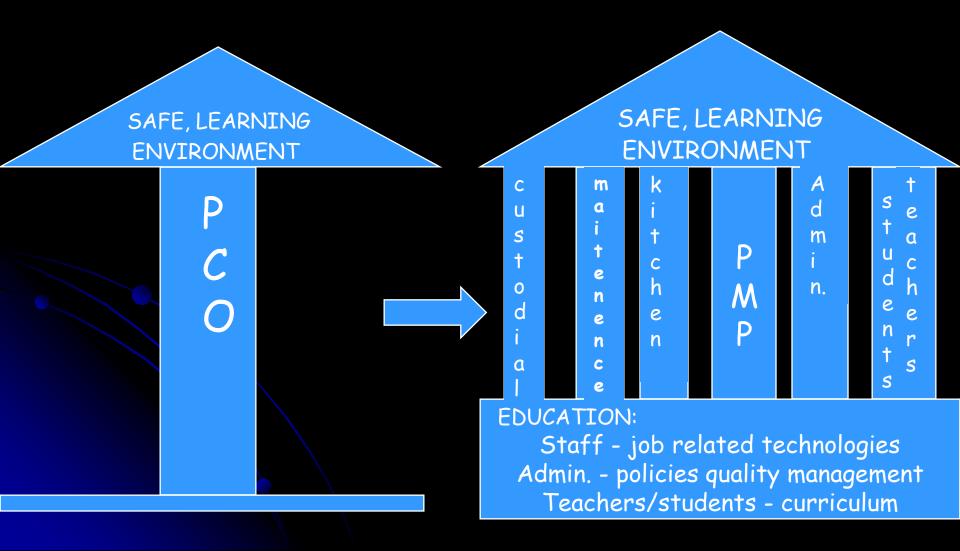
# Requires Community Action! Bed Bug IPM plan -creating a communal awareness of:

how to identify bedbug infestations

how to prevent these infestations

 how to safely and effectively address infestations with the earliest possible intervention.

## a Shift in Pest Management for Schools



# Spanning 14 Years, 14 States and 7 EPA Regions:

 71% Reduction in Pesticide Applications

• 78% Reduction in Pest Complaints to School Administrations

## A safe learning environment

## IPM: FIFRA, FQPA, ESA and beyond.... Mission oriented partnerships

- Internal Partnerships..."ONE EPA" -
  - Air IAQ (ex. -tools for schools)
  - Water NPDES
  - OCHP IPM training for HDs & CE housing
  - American Indian Environmental Office
- External Partnerships...beyond USDA
  - CDC bed bugs and EHP (health inspectors)
  - HUD housing
  - DOD AF pest management board

# IPM: FIFRA, FQPA, ESA and beyond....CWA, PPA, TSCA

- CWA NPDES IPM with TEETH requiring permits beyond registration!
- Pollution Prevention Act- VERIFIABLE IPM!
- TSCA title V: required guidelines...2012!
- Professional standards
  - Pest Management Professionals NPMA
  - Environmental Health Professionals NEHA
  - School IPM coordinators

## Why a SIPM strategic plan is Critical to the Mission

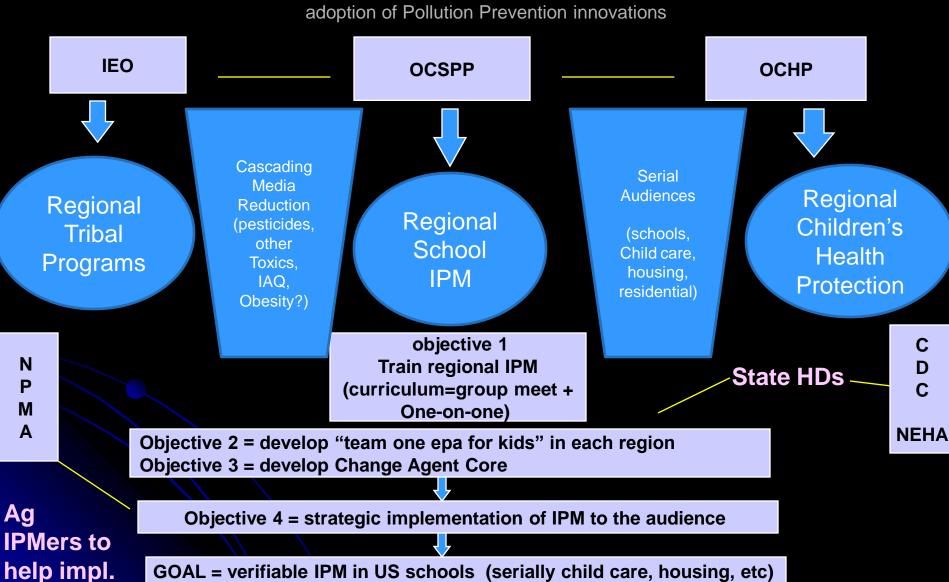
- Prevents Past Mistakes
- Provides Leadership!
- Reduces Uncertainty
   by "charting the way"
- Better HQ/REGION coordination
- A path for PARTNERSHIP

## Prevents Past Mistakes: IG's report on the SAI

- Lack of Coordination Between HQ & Regions
- No strategic plan that demonstrated success
- lack of guidance led to inconsistencies between the Regions

### "One epa for kids" structural model - logic = Agency infrastructure

development for implementation AND child institution infrastructure development for "cascading" adoption of Pollution Prevention innovations



children's env. Health protection + cost effective mgt. for institutions Measurements = adoption of tfs, i-pestmanager, ipm coordinator/plan Outcomes = risk reduction + cost reduction

## Recognizing IPM as a Pollution Prevention INNOVATION:

- Source Reduction for pesticides is preventing pests from triggering pesticide applications
- IPM is a cluster of technologies (cultural, mechanical, biological, genetic, and chemical) which is an integrated application (based on biological information) designed to allow humans to compete with other species (pests)

## POLLUTION PREVENTION ACT (paraphrasing)

- When feasible, pesticides should be prevented or reduced at the source
- When prevention is not feasible, chemical control should relegated to non-toxic options
- When prevention or a non-toxic option is not feasible, treatment should be relegated to the least toxic option
- Only when prevention, non-toxic, or least toxic options are not feasible should pesticides should be used in environmentally safe ways (label)

### What IPM is NOT

- A job description added to an unwilling or unqualified individual
- A "low bid" process
- An "out of sight, out of mind" contractual function ......An "after hours" program
- A scheduled pesticide application program
- A program prohibiting all pesticides (what is DE, Bt...?)
- A program that does not educate the school community

## Demand-side vs Supply-side IPM

Implementing Integrated Pest Management -

"Insects can be managed, but management is people oriented..." (Metcalf and Luckmann, 1975).

"pest management is people management!"

...."do what you are doing now, just think pests"

# SUPPLY-SIDE IPM: supplying practitioners of IPM with:

- Training to manage pests via integrating strategies - Extension/SLA
- Materials for monitoring and treatment of pests - industry
- Time to educate consumer industry
   PROBLEMS?
- Standards for Trained vs. route tech
- Time...
- Partnership for "people management"

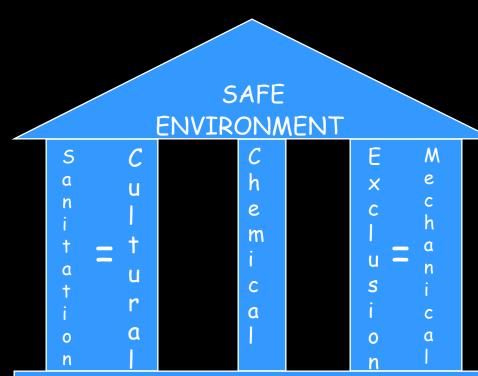
# Prevention is Everyone's Job

## You must be a partner with your Pest Management Professional for:

- figuring out the problem
- fixing the problem

### Demand-side IPM

Fact: the vast majority of pest management activities are conducted by food service, administrative and building maintenance professionals.... NOT pesticide applicators



#### EDUCATION:

monitoring, prevention, treatment (identification, biology, technology)

Implementers must demonstrate IPM is compatible with the built environment's current operations

- Doing what you do now---just think pests!!!
  - Security = monitoring
  - Energy conservation = exclusion
  - Sanitation = nothing to eat
  - Clutter control = no place to live

Food Water Shelter

### What is VERIFIABLE IPM?

- A documented and evaluated, working partnership of a trained, diagnostician/educator and the school community
- Based on pest monitoring & information sharing regarding:
  - How to monitor
  - How to "not attract pests"
  - How to exclude pests
  - How to control pests with the safest, most effective methods

### Minimum Standards for a Verifiable, Demand-side IPM

- The school administration is aware of what their pest management program is.
- District must <u>demonstrate</u> a working partnership with a Pest Management Professional
- Those responsible for the cultural (sanitation) and mechanical (exclusion) components of IPM have been trained to incorporate them into existing job responsibilities.
- Those responsible for the chemical pesticide component of IPM are certified PCOs (with instructions to treat as needed and based on monitoring)

## The school administration is aware of what their pest management program is:

- What pests are being managed in buildings and on grounds at all times.
- Who is responsible for QAQC:
  - monitoring, reporting and documenting pest complaints,
  - Developing pest management policies (lice, pesticides...)
  - Providing information and training to the community
  - Procuring and evaluating pest management services
  - Interfacing with the PMP if they are contracted
- What internal education programs are in place (faculty, staff, nursing...)
- What the cost of pest management is
- How it compares to state/national stds.

## The INFORMED consumer: What is the cost of what you are getting?

Time - By the minute (square ft. bids are not appropriate in schools)

- Elementary School avérage = 30-45 min/month
- Middle School average = 45-60 min/month
- High School average = 60-120 min/month

The Public become an "informed consumer" such that they DEMAND the Pest Management Professional be a:

"Diagnostician/educator"

## PMP = "Diagnostician"

- Your "professional" relationship
  - History
  - Inspection for conducive conditions
  - Inspection for pests
  - ID and biology
  - monitoring

# Perform regular inspections for <u>Pests</u> AND <u>Conducive Conditions</u> (those things that attract pests and allow them to be where you don't want them).

## Monitoring

- The only way to justify pesticide application
- Allows for proper diagnosis

# IPM Education for the affected community

- pest ID
- Pest Biology
- conducive condition ID and remediation
- All management alternatives ...and their safe use!

Thus...

## PMP = "Educator"

- Your "professional" relationship is a Partnership to teach your "patient" how to:
- To prevent pests
- Inspect for pests
- ID and biology
- Monitoring
- To Remove pests

## What is the value of "Metrics" for IPM implementation?

- TRUTH SERUM Whether participants are REALLY practicing IPM.
- BAROMETER how are we doing with our implementation.
- DECISION Making TOOL such that the community can adopt IPM

### Measuring IPM in the Urban Environment

### • i-pestmanager

### a web-based application that:

- aids in the identification of pests;
- provides a means to report pests;
- tracks mitigation efforts to eliminate pests;
- tracks IPM related costs and
- pesticide use; and
- compiles various pest reports.
- free to schools?
- an innovation born of EPA funding, developed for schools BY a school facility manager (engineer)

## The FIFRA "Balancing" mandate matures...

 Scientific analysis of the risks to human health and the environment from inerts, synergism, and cumulative effects will re-balance the "risk/benefit" mandate in terms of "unreasonable adverse..."

## THE END